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For: COMPUTER SUPPORTED PLATE)	
MAKING METHOD)	
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination thereof in the manner indicated below.

PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS UNDER 37 CFR 1.84
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A
(37 C.F.R. §1.111)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4 and 5. Please add new claims 6-10. These claims are amended to eliminate the multi-dependent claims and render the claims in singular dependent form. The claims are attached on separate sheets herein.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 8 by adding a paragraph after the section title "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" which states:

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-- The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application with color drawings will be provided by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fees. --

The amendment is attached on a separate sheet herein.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the abstract for the enclosed abstract, which contains less than 150 words and is in a one paragraph format.

Applicant herein petitions the office to accept the color drawings (Figs. 1-11) accompanying this application. Applicant includes the petition fee set forth in section 1.17(h) of \$130.00.

Further, Applicant includes 3 sets of color drawings for Figs. 1-11 as well as a black and photocopy of the same drawings.

In addition, Applicant has amended the specification herein to add the required language under 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)(iv).

Applicant submits that color drawings are necessary as the only practical medium by which to disclose the subject matter sought to be patented in this utility patent application. The claims contain subject matter related to color and the files are displayed using different colors, such as red and blue or red and green or by using different brightness levels (see page 13 of the specification as well as the specifications and claims in general). Also see page 4, lines 2-7, where it states that "the original file and the file copy are displayed in different colors, ..., the comparison of the two files superimposed on the display can be more easily performed." Further, see claim 3, wherein it is claimed that "to perform comparison more easily, the original file and the file copy are displayed in different colors." Consequently, in order to effectively demonstrate the features of the invention, as claimed, color drawings are necessary.

Further, the quality of scanning and data capturing technology with today's current state of the art equipment should not pose any undue or burdensome hardship on the patent office to accept these drawings.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the color drawings be accepted in this patent application.